

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for use in writing servo data, comprising:
a servowriting head;
a magnetic film disposed on the head; and
one or more write gaps created in the magnetic film, each having a slanted pattern, wherein the slanted pattern of said one or more write gaps comprises a series of vertical and horizontal segments, the horizontal segments of the write gaps being much smaller than a width of the corresponding write gaps.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the write gaps are terminated with circular openings.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the horizontal segments of the write gaps are much smaller than the vertical segments of the write gaps.

18-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method of writing servo data on a servo track, comprising writing said data with write gaps, each of said write gaps having a slanted pattern which comprises a series of vertical and horizontal segments, the horizontal segments of the write gaps being much smaller than a width of the corresponding write gaps.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the write gaps are terminated with circular openings.

24-26. (Canceled)